#### **Welcome and Announcements**



## \*Call to Worship

Leader: Happy are those who walk in God's ways.

**People: Blessed are those who observe God's commandments.** Leader: Faithful are those whose eyes are fixed on righteousness. **People: Joyful are those whose hearts are filled with praise.** 

Leader: Come, let us love the Lord our God.

People: We come to worship the One who leads us in the ways of life.

# \*Hymn # 385 – All People That on Earth Do Dwell

## Call to Confession

## **Prayer of Confession**

Generous God, we are baptized as your people, called to live and serve together as your church. We confess that we have sought to live for ourselves, not reaching out to others and honoring the divine image in all your children. Forgive us, we pray. In your abundant mercy give us the grace to be your church, confessing our faults, offering forgiveness and working for reconciliation. Turn our hearts to your intentions that we may hold fast to one another and draw near to your presence. In Jesus, we ask it. Amen.

#### **Assurance of Pardon**

## \*Passing of the Peace

Leader: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

#### **Time with Children**

After the Time with Children, we invite children to return to their seats and participate in the service. Activity bags may be found on the welcome table.

#### **Choral Anthem**

# **Prayer of Illumination**

**Scripture:** Matthew 5:21-24

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

**Sermon:** Reconciliation

Sunday, February 12<sup>th</sup>

**Affirmation of Faith:** The Confession of 1967

To be reconciled to God is to be sent into the world as God's reconciling community. This community, the church universal, is entrusted with God's message of reconciliation and shares God's labor of healing the enmities which separate people from God and from each other. Christ has called the church to this mission and given it the gift of the Holy Spirit. The church maintains continuity with the apostles and with Israel by faithful obedience to his call. Amen.

**Prayers of the People** 

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

**Invitation to Offering** 

**Offertory** 

**Prayer of Thanksgiving** 

\*Hymn # 372 - O for a World

\*Charge and Benediction

\*Congregational Response: Hymn # 606 – Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

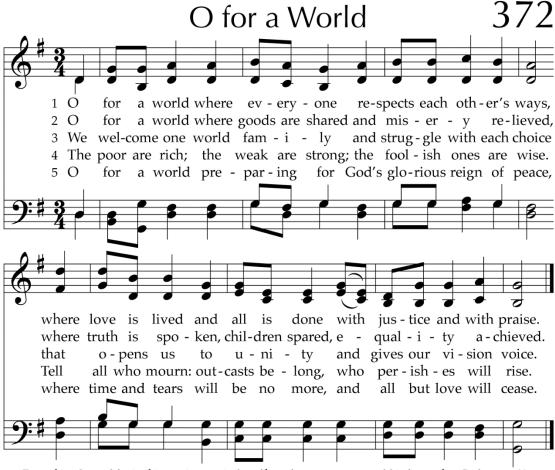
**Postlude** 

**GATHERING** 

# All People That on Earth Do Dwell 385



In a pairing that began in 1561, this paraphrase of Psalm 100 by a Scot is set to a tune that a French composer originally created for Psalm 134 in the Genevan Psalter of 1551. They have appeared together in nearly every comprehensive English-language hymnal since then.



Everything longed for in this text is a reminder of how far our present world is from what God wants. Yet this is not just wishful thinking; it is a call to action, a summons to participate in the fulfillment of God's desire for all earth's people to live in radical *shalom*.

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